

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN
MARCH 2001**

ANNEX H

1. SUBJECT: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Response to and recovery from all types of hazardous materials (HAZMAT) incidents occurring at fixed sites and transit, whether air, ground, or water. Federal agencies have responsibilities in this area which will require joint operations.

2. PURPOSE:

To ensure the coordination of all state, local, and federal resources to prevent and minimize the effects of hazardous chemical releases on the health and property of people in the vicinity of the release, and to minimize the effects of the release on the environment.

3. SCOPE:

State assistance under this function may begin at the first response to an incident, continue through the management of the response and the calling in of non-Louisiana resources, and conclude with the final inspection of the site after restoration.

4. RESPONSIBILITY:

- A. The owner of the substances that are creating the problem has the primary responsibility for dealing with the consequences of a HAZMAT release, whether by mobilizing internal response resources, hiring a private contractor, or reimbursing local, state, and federal authorities for their response activities.
- B. The Louisiana State Police (LSP) have the primary responsibility at the state level for HAZMAT incidents. The Superintendent of the Louisiana State Police shall implement, administer, and coordinate the services, programs, and resources required under this function.
- C. The Emergency Coordinator designated by the Superintendent shall be responsible for the liaison and coordination of all response efforts and emergency services provided under this Annex.
- D. State agencies supporting the LSP in this function are identified in the Emergency Function & Responsibility Chart.

5. OPERATIONS:

- A. When the State Police are notified of a HAZMAT emergency that requires their assistance, they will respond as soon as possible with the resources required by the situation, using the Incident Command System.

When a situation arises that cannot be solved by immediately available resources, the LSP may notify LOEP, which will alert the appropriate state and federal authorities, and put the State EOC into operational status.

- B. All state agencies having a role in HAZMAT response and recovery will provide support as required through their emergency coordinator at the EOC or directly to the on-site LSP incident commander, as circumstances may dictate.

6. FEDERAL ASSISTANCE:

A. Programs and References:

Federal programs under Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III, the Clean Air Act, the Oil Pollution Act, and the Hazardous Materials Transportation Uniform Safety cooperation in this function.

The U.S. Coast Guard and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are the primary federal response agencies and lead planning authorities for hazardous materials incidents and releases in coastal or inshore navigable waters.

B. Requirements:

Federal agencies may respond immediately to hazardous materials incidents which happen in the vicinity of a federal response unit, or which have an immediate, recognizable catastrophic impact. In other circumstances, federal assistance may be requested through the State Coordinating Officer and coordinated through the EOC.

C. FEDERAL AGENCIES:

The state emergency function of Hazardous Materials corresponds to the Federal Emergency Support Function of Hazardous Materials (ESF#10). The primary federal agency responsible for HAZMAT is the EPA.

Support agencies include the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Defense, the Department of Energy, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Justice, the Department of Labor, the Department of State, the Department of Transportation, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the General Services Administration, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Agency Support to Louisiana State Police

	Coordination	Analysis Support	Personnel	Equipment	Communications
Louisiana Office of Emergency Preparedness	X				X
Louisiana National Guard			X	X	X
Department of Agriculture & Forestry		X	X	X	X
Department of Environmental Quality		X	X		
LSU Health Sciences		X	X		
Department of Health and Hospitals		X	X		
Department of Natural Resource		X	X		
Department of Transportation		X	X	X	X
Department of Wildlife & Fisheries			X	X	X
United States Coast Guard			X	X	X

ANNEX N

1. SUBJECT: OIL SPILL

Response to and direct all state discharge response, cleanup, and remedial operations resulting from unauthorized discharge of oil.

2. PURPOSE:

To bring about an effective and efficient response to oil spills that threaten the lives and property of citizens of Louisiana and the environment of the state. To coordinate state and federal resources responding to and remedying oil spills.

3. SCOPE:

State action in this function can range from the detection of a spill, through the provision of assistance to local government and support of response actions, to procurement of a contractor, to coordination of joint state-federal operations.

4. RESPONSIBILITY:

- A. The Governor's Office contains the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office (LOSCO), which is responsible for research, planning, and coordination of all state activities concerning oil spills.
- B. The emergency coordinator designated by LOSCO shall be responsible for liaison and the coordination of all response efforts and emergency services provided under this annex.
- C. Under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, the President, upon recommendation of the Governor, designated the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries as Natural Resource Trustees for the state of Louisiana.

The Governor has also designated the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office as the lead administrative trustee. The Natural Resource Trustees carry out the natural resource damage assessment in the event of a major spill.

- D. State agencies supporting LOSCO in this function are identified in the Emergency Function & Responsibility Chart.

5. OPERATIONS:

- A. Upon notification of an oil spill, which, by reason of its extent or likely duration, will require coordinated action by several state agencies, LOSCO will alert LOEP of the need to activate the state EOC and supply an Emergency Coordinator or Alternate to serve at the EOC and coordinate the operation.
- B. LOSCO will establish advance mutual support relationships where possible with other state and federal agencies, and with private response and recover organizations that may become involved in responding to an oil spill emergency.

6. FEDERAL ASSISTANCE:

A. Programs and References:

The Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and associated regulations and directives authorize Federal participation in oil spill emergencies.

- B. The state agency function of oil spill corresponds to the Federal Emergency Support Function #10, Hazardous Materials. The federal agency having primary responsibility for this function is the Environmental Protection Agency.

Support agencies include: The Department of Agriculture, the Department of Commerce, The Department of Defense, the Department of Energy, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Justice, the Department of Labor, the Department of State, the Department of Transportation, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the General Services Administration, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Regional Response Team and the National Response Team.

Agency Support to Governor's Oil Spill Coordinator's Office

	Coordination	Analysis Support	Personnel	Logistics
Louisiana Office of Emergency Preparedness	X			X
Louisiana National Guard		X	X	X
Department of Agriculture & Forestry		X	X	
Department of Environmental Quality		X	X	X
Department of Natural Resources		X	X	
Louisiana State Police	X		X	
Department of Wildlife & Fisheries		X	X	X
Volunteer Organizations*		X	X	X
U. S. Coast Guard	X	X	X	X

* To include private relief organizations (i.e. American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Mennonite Disaster Service, etc.); private industry; professional associations and participants in mutual aid agreements, etc.

**STATE FUNCTION H
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

**FEDERAL ESF #10
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

STATE SUPPORT	STATE PRIMARY		FEDERAL PRIMARY	FEDERAL SUPPORT
LOEP				DOD
NG				DOE
DAF				HHS
DEQ				DOI
LSU HSC	LSP	EOC	EPA	DOJ
DHH				DOL
DNR				DOS
DOTD				DOT
DWF				FEMA
				GSA
				NRC

**STATE FUNCTION N
OIL SPILL**

**FEDERAL ESF #10
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

STATE SUPPORT	STATE PRIMARY		FEDERAL PRIMARY	FEDERAL SUPPORT
LOEP				DA
NG				DOC
DAF				DOD
DEQ				DOE
DNR	G-LOSCO	EOC	EPA	HHS
LSP				DOI
DWF				DOJ
VOAD				DOL
				DOS
				DOT
				FEMA
				GSA
				NRC
				USCG
				NRT
				RRT